



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Larry Estep
Manager of Permit Section
Illinois Environmental
Protection Agency
1340 North 9th Street
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

**RE: REQUEST TO EXPEDITE NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL PERMIT NL
INDUSTRIES/TARA CORP SUPERFUND SITE GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS**

Dear Mr. Estep:

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency expedite a permit for the disposal of non-hazardous waste in the State of Illinois. The waste is being removed from several locations in granite City, Madison, and Venice, Illinois. The wastes are being removed as a remedial action related to the NL Industries/Tara Corp Superfund Site in Granite City, Illinois. This request has been prepared with the intention of answering each of the items listed on the IEPA Questionnaire for Expediting Permits.

The permit needs to be expedited because the sites presently assigned remedial priority by the United States Environmental Protection Agency have children living on them or near them and potentially pose health risks to the children.

The permit was not submitted sooner because an investigation to determine the characterization of the wastes at each site has been recently completed and the prioritization of the sites has been recently completed.

The non-hazardous wastes removed from several of the locations completed have been disposed at Laidlaw landfill in Bridgeton, Missouri. Hazardous waste from the remedial activities in currently being shipped to PDC #1 in Peoria, Illinois and Heritage Environmental Services, Inc. in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The NL Industries/Tara Corp Superfund Site is presently on the USEPA's National Priorities List. The expeditious issuance of a permit would assist to decrease further potential exposure of human life and the environment to lead. All persons living and working in the communities listed above would benefit from the expeditious issuance of the permit.



Several government agencies including the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, have recognized the importance of remediating these sites as quickly as possible. These agencies have worked in cooperation to initiate this project and implement remediation. The expeditious issuance of the non-hazardous waste permit would further exemplify the commitment to remediate the sites quickly and efficiently.

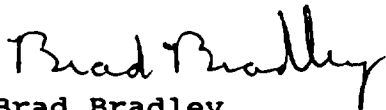
The most logical and cost effective alternative for the disposal of non-hazardous wastes removed from these sites is to dispose of the wastes at appropriate, licensed non-hazardous special waste landfills in the State of Illinois. Other alternatives have been investigated, in fact the possibility of performing on-site stabilization of hazardous waste becomes a viable alternative, the quantity of non-hazardous waste will increase, further stressing the need for the permit.

Recycling/recovery options have also been considered. Both Exide Corporation in Muncie, Indiana and Doe Run in Herculaneum, Missouri have indicated that the lead levels were not sufficient to cost effectively reclaim the lead present.

There are presently no other permits to dispose of non-hazardous waste at the laidlaw facility in Bridgeton, Missouri.

Brian Culnan, Environmental Protection Specialist for the IEPA is the project contact for IEPA. Mr. Culnan has graciously offered to answer questions you may have concerning this project. Mr. Culnan's telephone number is 217-782-6760.

Sincerely,



Brad Bradley
Remedial Project Manager